1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 5 -000-6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. 7 2:08-CR-00288-PMP-RJJ Plaintiff, 8 **ORDER** VS. 9 LADON MCCLELLAN, 10 11 Defendant. 12

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Before the Court for consideration is the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Motion for Relief Under 28 U.S.C. §2255 (Doc. #273) filed April 24, 2010 on behalf of Defendant Ladon McClellan. Plaintiff United States filed a Response in Opposition to Defendant's Motion (Doc. #304) on June 9, 2010, and on June 19, 2010, Defendant McClellan filed a Reply Memorandum (Doc. #306).

Having read and considered the foregoing, and being fully familiar with the record of proceedings in the case, the Court finds that no hearing is required on Defendant McClellan's motion and that said motion must be DENIED.

Specifically, the Court finds that Defendant McClellan has failed to demonstrate that he received ineffective assistance of counsel under the standards established pursuant to <u>Strickland v. Washington</u>, 466 U.S. 668 (1984). In particular, Defendant McClellan has failed to prove that counsel performed deficiently and has further failed to establish that he suffered prejudice as a result of any deficient performance by his trial counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant Ladon McClellan's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Motion for Relief Under 28 U.S.C. §2255 (Doc. #273) is **DENIED**. DATED: August 23, 2010. hip m. In United States District Judge